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★ The Story So Far ★

The stage is Japan- before Saiga Masaru, who lives a tranquil life with the Nakamachi Circus, a professional killer once more appears.

Her younger brother a victim of the Zonapha Syndrome, the sword-thrower "Black Vilma" is deeply wounded at the climax of a battle with Shirogane.

However, Masaru has Vilma brought back to the circus, where Shirogane vigilantly guards against any plan she might have to take out Masaru.

At the same time, the Nakamachi Circus is appearing at a Street Performers' Meet. By sheer accident, Mitsuushi father and son, formerly of the Straw Circus, lend great support and the Meet was a great success.

Meanwhile, Narumi, who had chosen the battling path of the 'shirogane', arrives at a medical treatment center in Illinois, USA.

Karakuri~ Silver Smoke

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America
Illinois
Ray State Plague Labs
Quarantine Ward

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Act 3 The Zonapha Ward

We went to the city struck by the Zonapha Syndrome, Green-town.

Lucille, Guy, you're late. You should have been here in 52 minutes.

What's with this shirogane? What a jackass.

Oh, you're the new oriental Shirogane, yes?

Hmm, senti-mental behavior.

Uh, yeah.

I'm George LaRoche. I travel mainly in America- I'm glad to have the chance to meet you.

Aw!

Well, you'll see Oniichan again later.

I'm sorry to have started off with a complaint but we can't waste a moment in caring for the children with Zonapha Syndrome.

Wow... he's a pretty good guy after all.

...uh, no... we're sorry for being late.

They were told you're a new attendant who's here to play with them.

They're so friendly ...

Sure!

Let's play!

Oniichan, we'll play basketball later.

Uh... um...

The inside of your head is much like a child's anyway...

It'll be easier for you to get them to talk about the attack by the Midnight Circus that way.

Really?

Oh! Nice to meet you, Harry!!

Harry the Bear says...nice to meet you.

Onii-chan...

What's up?

Hey!

Huh?

You're the only one who thinks so.

Well,

Wow, I imagined this place more like a prison.

But then the kids are so lively, and the doctors and nurses are so nice. This is great!

There's nothing for it. You shirogane don't have human hearts.

A lot of kids from there were admitted here...

Talking about Greentown here- how insensitive!

No...

you're all being rude as well.

I apologize, Dr. Bernhardt.

W-what's this all of a sudden, as soon as the kids are gone!?

It's the duty of any country bound by the pact to cooperate with you.

We know you take action across international borders.

All the staff here know that shirogane follow after the mysterious group spreading the Zonapha Syndrome...

...why?

We have absolutely no good will toward you.

However, there is one thing we want you to know.

You all sit there, completely calm, and do nothing!

Peter-kun, stop it!

You've taken forever and still haven't caught the ones spreading the pathogen!

"Why"!?

You know why!

You don't understand what it's like to be here!

It's your highest priority, for the sake of the children.

That is why-

you all want to create a cure for the Zonapha Syn-drome.

Don't you say that!

Not you!

Just as Peter said, no one is happy with your presence here.

Now, hurry up and do it! Do it as fast as possible and get the heil out!

Do you want the children to hear you!?

That's enough, Peter!

Narumi, there's something I should tell you.

What's with them? Their behavior with us and with the children is totally different. They have split personalities or something?

If there's something you need to know, ask Nurse Helen.

This place is hell.

I started living with the children.

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There were 2000 kids in the pediatric ward.

There were around 800 victims of the Greentown incident,

and my mission was to get a testimony out of those kids.

From the ones who had contact-

with members of the Midnight Circus.

The soldiers who brought the kids in saw children talking in delirium about Automata.

But we had a reason to stay there and we had to get them to talk one on one.

Ah ha ha! Narumi, it doesn't look anything like one!

See, Beth! It's an ele-phant!

This and then draw this .

Somehow all their Zonapha attacks were under control,

so they looked just like normal kids.x

Ch~ You and Mark are so strict~

Narumi, look, Harry's laughing too!

Ah ha ha!

But they controlled the symptoms of the disease amazingly

Kathy, you draw really well too

and constantly rude to us.

As before, the nurses were constantly smiling in front of the kids,

None of them would let me go.

I couldn't believe it!

After 5 days there, I had forgotten my mission completely

How about you guys?
Oh, I think I'm up to 40 now. Not a hit yet

So, how many children have you spoken to?
Jeez, well, nothing I can do about it .

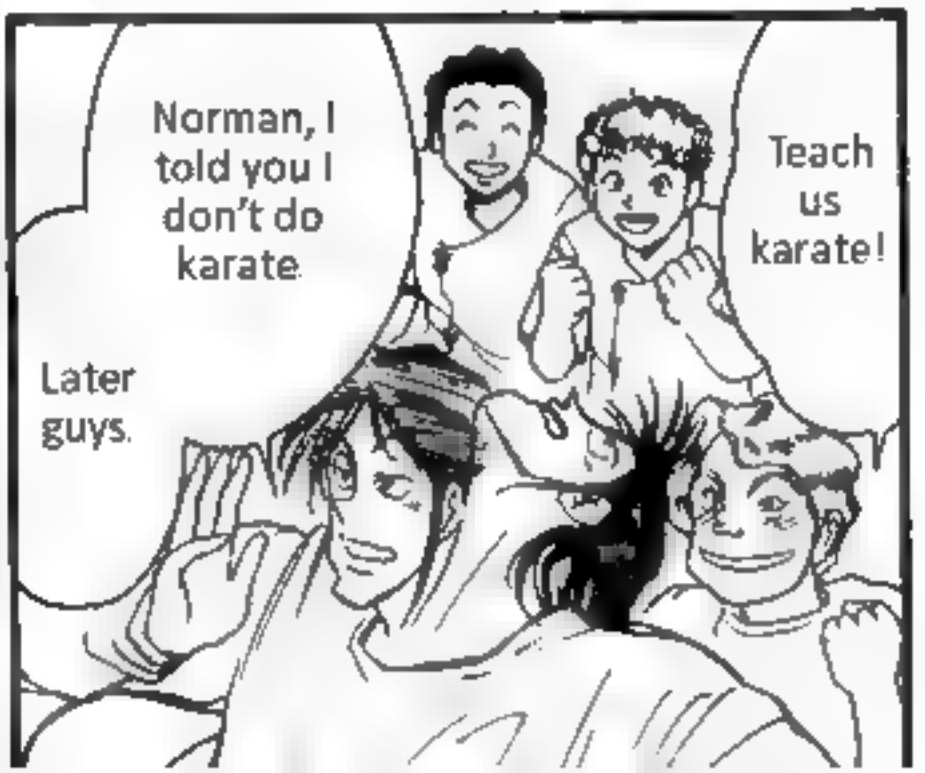
By the way, what's with that shirogane George?
He's meeting with the kids just like I am, right?

We've spoken to 342 of the adults and 50 children.
We haven't gotten anything substantial yet.
That's really fast
but do you think they're telling you the truth?

Stop saying stuff like that, Lucille!
Because it is hell.

Naru-mi
Hm?
We won't be here forever.

Naru-mi!
50.
Yes, he spoke with 50 of them today


Norman, I told you I don't do karate.
Later guys.
Teach us karate!

I- I don't know what you're talking about, Lucille

Jeez, no wonder everyone hates shirogane.

Don't get too attached to anyone while you're here

Narumi

You be Dr Zot like you did before, Narumi!

All righty! What're we playing?

What? I have to be the bad guy again?

Hm hm, that Ronnie is so calm until we play soccer, and then he goes all out!

Those kids are tough. .

Phew! I'm bushed~

Mick loves stories... Momotarou was his favorite

And Meg tells me my hair cut is messy. She's so precocious!

Beth is such a good little artist.

And Mark loves my elephant picture so much he takes it everywhere

Guh.

Heh heh, kids never change

Japan, China, and even America-

Ugn.

Fuh

Guh

What was that sound?

Nurse Helen?

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T-they must be vitamin capsules or some-thing.

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Heh heh. It can't be.

Comin' in.. do you have some cold medici-...

Yeah I'll just kinda make sure

It can't... this is a state hospital.

All the doctors and nurses are on drugs?

What is with this place!?

Wait!

Move!

How are they supposed to come up with a cure for Zonapha like this!?

Dr Bernhardt cannot be disturbed right now

I know

What about it?

About the doctor and the nurses and the drugs!?

Did you know about this, Bernhardt!?

Now that you understand, get out.

They need them to continue their duties.

Wh

What are you all.. doing..?

George?

I'll ask again.

Think back to that time. What did the puppet say?

Where are they going next?

You might as well answer...

You don't have much time.

Even though the boy hasn't spoken since the shock of his parents' deaths, he's questioned without mercy

You knew about this tool

An.. interrogation? Like the kid's ..a criminal?

That's your job

You follow the Automata so coolly.

But we have to do our best to work with you...

I hate... having to see this...

Or you'll die in vain.

What are you-

Wh-

George! You bastard!!

Goddamit, are all shirogane like this!?

You're the lowest!

There isn't an honest person in this whole damn place!

And what about all of you, you drug addicts!!

See, I'm smiling!

It's all right!

An attack?

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I'll always be here for you!!

I am!

It's all right! I'm not like them. I'm here for you.

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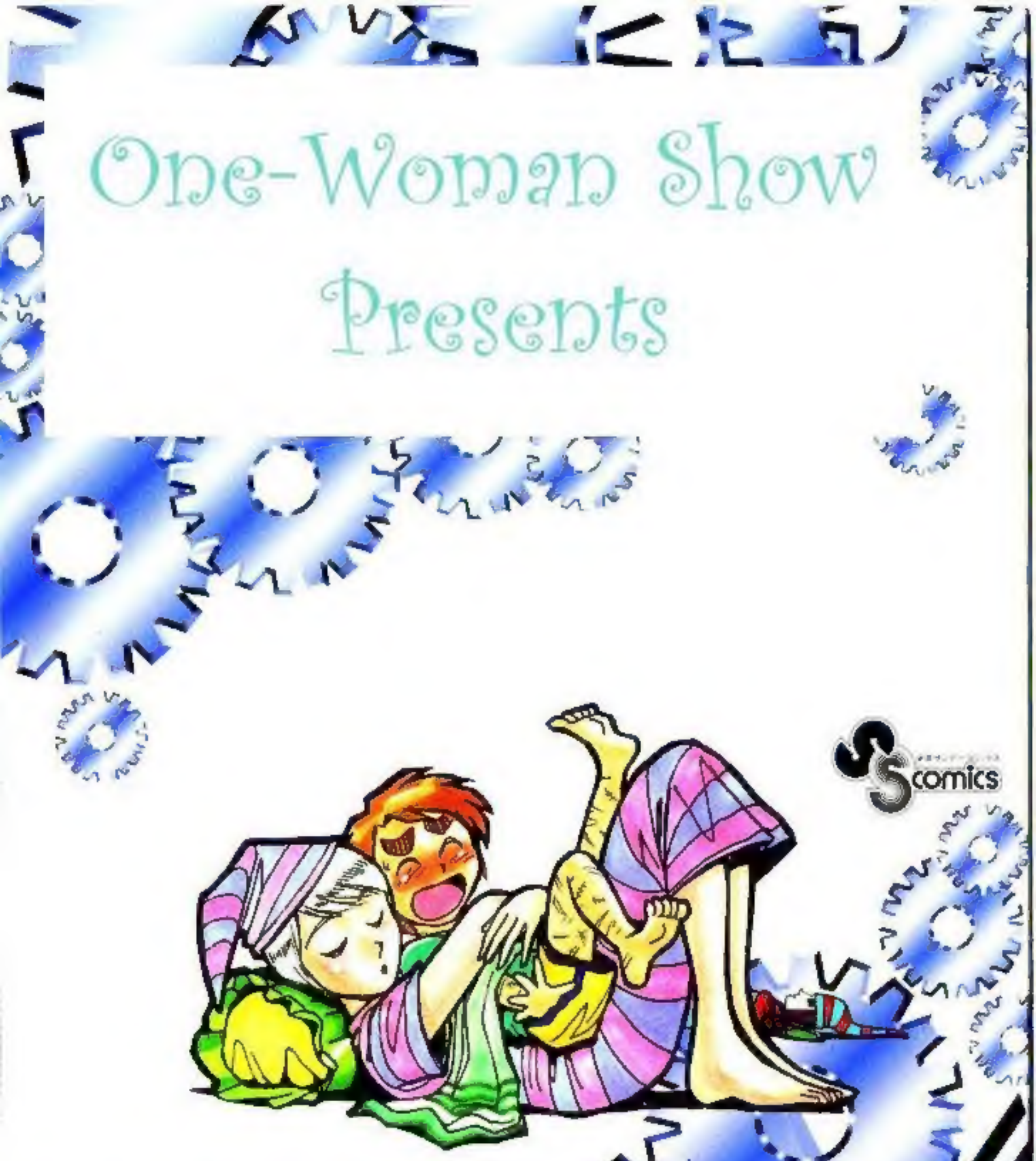

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